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SUBJECT: US/ROK BILATERAL FISHERY TALKS

SUMMARY: DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICE OF FISHERY
AFFAIRS AND OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISOR MET WITH ROK FISHATT
HAN MO KIM TO REITERATE U.S. VIEW THAT EXISTING US/ROK
FISHERY AGREEMENT WOULD IN NO WAY EFFECT INABILITY OF ROK
VESSELS TO FISH AFTER MARCH 1 WITHIN US FISHERY CONSERVA-
TION ZONE (FCZ) IN ABSENCE OF US/ROK GOVERNING INTERNA-
TIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT(GIFA). WHILE NO OFFICIAL INFORMA-
TION WAS GIVEN ON SOVIET GIFA TALKS PENDING OFFICIAL CON-
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CLUSION NOVEMBER 26, DEPARTMENT DID NOT DISCOURAGE ASSUMP-

TION THAT AGREEMENT WAS NEAR SIGNATURE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT USG POSITION IN ALL GIFA NEGOTIATIONS WAS CONSISTENT WITH THAT TAKEN IN ROK NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. MEETING WAS LARGELY IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER VIEW EXPRESSED BY ROK DELEGATION AT CONCLUSION OF OCTOBER GIFA TALKS THAT EXISTING BILATERAL FISHERY AGREEMENT WOULD PERMIT CONDUCT OF ROK FISHERY WITHIN US FCZ UNTIL ITS DECEMBER 12, 1977 EXPIRATION DATE. FISHATT HAD INDICATED DESIRE FOR MEETING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CLEAR READING OF US POSITION ON ISSUE. ADDITIONALLY, US/SOVIET GIFA AGREEMENT SIGNED 12:00 NOON, NOVEMBER 26. DOCUMENT TRACKS VERY CLOSELY WITH DRAFT MODEL GIFA, IS FULLY CONSIS-

TENT WITH US POSITION MAINTAINED IN US/ROK DISCUSSIONS, AND THEREFORE DOES NOT REPRESENT "SPECIAL TREATMENT" FOR SOVIETS. DEPARTMENT IS HOPEFUL THAT SUCH A BREAK-THROUGH WITH SOVIETS WILL MATERIALLY ASSIST IN US/ROK AND OTHER ONGOING GIFA NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT VIEWED MEETING AS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT OF US/SOVIET AGREEMENT WITH A STRONG RE-STATEMENT OF US POSITION ON ALL MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN US/ROK GIFA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT PARTICIPANTS TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF DECEMBER 8-10 GIFA NEGOTIATIONS FOR FUTURE OF ROK FISHERY OFF U.S. COASTS, NOTING CURRENT PLANS TO SUBMIT ALL SIGNED GIFA'S TO CONGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION UPON THEIR RECONVENING ON JANUARY 4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM FISHATT, DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DELAY ANY FOURTH ROUND OF US/ROK DISCUSSIONS UNTIL WELL INTO JANUARY 1977.

3. DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT CURRENT US/ROK FISHERY AGREEMENT WOULD BE HONORED UNTIL ITS DECEMBER 12, 1977 EXPIRATION DATE, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE AGREEMENT DID NOT GRANT SPECIFIC FISHERIES TO ROK VESSELS AND HENCE COULD IN NO WAY AUTHORIZE CONDUCT OF ROK FISHERIES AFTER MARCH 1. DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE FOR LOADING

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OPERATIONS BY KOREAN VESSELS AFTER MARCH 1, BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THESE WOULD BE USEFUL IN ABSENCE OF AUTHORIZED FISHERY.

4. DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE POSITION ON REMAINING ISSUES OF ENFORCEMENT(ARTICLE X), GEAR COMPENSATION(ARTICLE VIII-5), TUNA ARTICLE, AND PORT CALLS(ARTICLE XIII). DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT EITHER

MODIFICATION OR ELIMINATION OF ARTICLE XIII WAS POSSIBLE
SOLUTION TO PORT CALL ISSUE. HOWEVER, FISHATT WAS
INFORMED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE NOW FOCUSED ON MOST CRITICAL
ISSUES, AND THAT IT WOULD BE "IRRESPONSIBLE" FOR DEPARTMENT
TO-INDICATE POSSIBILITY FOR ANY USG COMPROMISE ON BRACK-
ETED ARTICLES OR TUNA ISSUE AT UPCOMING DECEMBER TALKS. ROBINSON

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